

REMARKS

Claims 19, 27-29 and 38-40 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 19, 27, 29, 39 and 40 are amended. No new matter is added by these amendments. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representatives by Examiner Garrett in the June 29, 2007 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

The Office Action, in paragraphs 6 and 8, rejects claims 19, 39 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 19 and 40 have been amended to obviate the rejection. Specifically, claim 19 has been amended to recite ". . . in a range of 0.1 to 10 percent by weight relative to the hole injection layer material or the luminescent layer material of the first material layer." Support for this amendment can be found in at least paragraph [0132]. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, are respectfully requested.

The Office Action, in paragraph 4, objects to claims 19, 27, 29, 39 and 40 for informalities. Claims 19, 27, 29, 39 and 40 have been amended to obviate the objections. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 19, 27, 29, 39 and 40 are respectfully requested.

The Office Action, in paragraph 10, rejects claims 19, 27-29 and 38-40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by JP-A-07-135079 to Watanuki et al. (hereinafter "Watanuki"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

The Office Action asserts that Watanuki teaches the metal deactivator is contained in a binder resin, that corresponds to an organic material, in an amount of 0.1 to 10% by weight.

Specifically, the Office Action refers to paragraph 9 of Watanuki for support of the assertion. As discussed during the personal interview, we believe this assertion to be incorrect. Watanuki teaches that the metal deactivator is contained in the binder resin at 0.1 thru/or 10% of the weight of the binder resin. As such, Watanuki does not teach a range of 0.1 to 10% by weight relative to the first material layer, as positively recited in the amended claims. The first material layer, as recited in the pending claims, forming at least one of a luminescent layer and a whole injection layer, does not correspond to the binder resin as taught by Watanuki.

For at least the above reasons, Watanuki cannot reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested, the combinations of all of the features recited in at least independent claims 19, 27 and 29. Further, claims 28 and 38-40 would also not have been suggested by the applied prior art reference for at least the respective dependence of these claims on the allowable independent claims, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 19, 27-29 and 38-40 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Watanuki are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 19, 27-29 and 38-40 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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